

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20 YEARS AGO

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

PUBLIC ACTS.

October Session, 1845.
An Act to Secure the City of New Haven From Damage by Fire.

1. Be it enacted by the Governor and Council, and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled, That from and after the first day of January, 1847, all meeting houses and dwelling houses to be erected in said city, within the limits hereinafter described, and all other buildings to be erected within said limits, having in them a chimney, fireplace or stove, shall in their outer walls be composed of brick and mortar, or stone and mortar. Provided, that in such addition there shall be placed a chimney, fire place or stove.

2. Be it Further Enacted, That the aforesaid regulations take place and be established in all that part of the city of New Haven, comprehended within the limits following to wit: beginning near the house of Gilbert Totten, in the centre of Water street, where the centre of Meadow street intersects said Water street; thence up the centre of Meadow street to the place where that line intersects George street, and comprehending all the land lying within 150 feet of the westerly line of said street, thence up George street, in the center thereof to the place where said line intersects the center of York street, and including all the land lying within 150 feet of the southwesterly line of said street; thence through York street in the center thereof, to the place where said line intersects the center of Grove street, and including all the land lying within 150 feet of the westerly side of said line; thence through Grove street, in the center thereof, to the center of State street and including all the land lying within 150 feet of the westerly side of said line; thence through Neck Lane, so called, in the center thereof, to the place where said line intersects the center of Olive street and including all the land lying within 150 feet of the westerly side of said line; thence through Olive street in the center thereof to Water street and including all the land lying within 150 feet of the westerly side of said line; thence to the center of the Pier, or end of the Long Wharf, and from thence to the place of beginning and including all the land within said lines.

3. And, Be it Further Enacted, That any person who shall erect, add to, or cause to be erected or added to any building within the limits aforesaid contrary to the provisions of this Act, shall forfeit and pay to the treasury of the County of New Haven, a fine of not less than \$100, nor more than \$1,000, according to the nature and aggravation of the offense.

4. And, Be it Further Enacted, That in addition to the fines aforesaid, all dwelling houses erected or added to, contrary to the provisions of this Act, shall be annually assessed fourfold in the lists of polls and rateable estate of the town and city of New Haven, and all other buildings erected or added to, contrary to this Act, shall be annually set in such lists at the sum of \$30; and it shall be the duty of the listers to set the same accordingly in the lists of said town and city; and all such houses or buildings shall be ever afterwards rated accordingly in all taxes whatever, so long as such houses or buildings remain.

5. And, Be it Further Enacted, That the City of New Haven in legal meeting assembled be empowered annually to appoint a committee of not less than three persons, whose duty it shall be from time to time to examine and enquire whether the mode of building within the limits aforesaid, be conformable to this Act, and to report to the State's Attorney for the County of New Haven, all breaches thereof, that the same may be duly prosecuted. And this Act shall be to all intent and purposes a Public Act.

General Assembly, October Session, 1845.

CHARLES DENNISON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN COTTON SMITH,
Governor.

Attest: Thomas Day, Secretary.

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

INJURED BY A FALL.

Thomas Maloney of 27 Hallam street, employed at the Plush works, while adjusting a skylight on the roof of the factory at the time he fell from the scaffold to the floor, a distance of about five feet, fracturing his right knee. The ambulance removed Maloney to his home, where Dr. O'Hara attended him.

PRETTY HOUSE DANCE.

The handsome house of Judge and Mrs. Morris B. Beardsley in Park avenue was tastefully decorated last evening, the occasion being the dance given by their son, Samuel Fayerweather Beardsley, to his young friends. Sansone provided the music. Mrs. Beardsley received, assisted by her daughter, Lulu.

Among the young ladies present were the Misses Maude and Grace Morris, Alice Hall, Mary Catlin, Bessie Burns, Marjorie and Aurelia Starr, Susan Jarvis, Margaret Bassick, Kate Parker, Lottie Skidmore, Susan Nash, Clara Brown, Alice Trubee, Florence Jones, Charlotte Bishop, Bertha and Mabel Sanford, May Belle, Esther and Carrie Smith, Rosalie Waldo, Grace Cogswell, Nellie Brothwell, Mary Treat, Maude Malloy, Kate Patterson, Alice Ives, Marion Patterson, Wells, Louise Warren, Katherine Drew, Ella and Hattie Hawley, Annie Hincks, Bessie, Mary and Evelyn Woodell, Agnes McKelvey, Grace Hamilton, Alice Watson, Florence Howes and May Morgan.

Among the young men present were Edward Garvan, of New Haven; Gregory Eryan, William P. Hincks, Charles Brown, Arthur Brown, Stiles Gifford, Harry Beers, Robert and Henry Hincks, Ed. Jones, Frank Bell, Egbert Marsh, Fred Keeler, Henry T. Shelton, Ed. Willett, Bert Marsh, Thomas DeForest, Edgar Bassick, William Cogswell, D. Fairchild, Wheeler, Harry Hawley, Sidney Lockwood, George and Samuel Hawley, Robert Kippen, William Rockwell, Robert and John Lewis, Mort Comstock, David J. Read,

Henry Curtis, Harry Ives, William Terry, Harry Welch, Selden C. Waldo, Henry C. Stevenson, Henry G. Foote, Clarence Anderson, Percy Anderson, Harry Hubbell, Edwin Fyle and Winthrop Fyle.

There were also present Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Julian H. Sterling and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Read.

SOCIETY ELECTIONS.

Cigar-makers Union.
President, Thomas Steigerwald; vice president, C. Weisner; financial and corresponding secretary, George C. Ott; treasurer, George Englehard; recording secretary, E. Clark; sergeant-at-arms, J. Hogan; auditors, C. Weisner, Herman Natski and Frank Marston.

S. H. Harris Lodge, I. O. O. F.
N. G., John Holst; V. G., Dorr R. Whitney; recording secretary, Wilbur A. Gleason; permanent secretary, William H. Murphy; treasurer, W. C. Miller; trustees, W. A. Gleason, T. W. Crowther and William C. Mead; finance committee, W. Frank Wells, Henry Langhammer and William Croker; organist, W. S. Banta.

Court Seaside, F. O. A.

C. R. Fenton Kelley; S. C. R. Grove Haskins; treasurer, W. L. Whiting; recording secretary, Thomas H. Healey; S. W. H. Wright; J. W. John P. Rourke; S. E., Herbert E. Corby; J. B., J. T. Dunn; trustee, Timothy Callahan; druggists, Billings and Clappett; physician, Dr. Osborne.

Court Park City, F. O. A.

Chief Ranger, Patrick J. Carroll; sub-chief, Ranger, James J. McCormick; treasurer, Morris O'Donovan; financial secretary, John J. Saul; recording secretary, J. F. Sheehan; senior woodward, H. Byrnes; senior woodward, Samuel Vervane; senior beadle, John O'Brien; junior beadle, Thomas Horan; trustees, Harvey L. Jenkins, Dr. Lockhart, Dr. Ivers; past chief ranger, Daniel Smith; physician, Dr. Ivers.

"SCOOP" O'BRIEN ON JOB.

Police headquarters was crowded this morning with a miscellaneous gathering, composed of soldiers, women in dancing attire, and citizens in general. They were prisoners of a raid, the result of a spasm of Indignant virtue that had come over Justice "Scoop" O'Brien at the flag end of the old year.

Last evening, there were dances at the Lyceum, Madison, Sailer's, Germania, Arion and Sadler's halls, where working people held receptions and were dancing the old year out and the new year in. In the Lyceum, the officers of the hall, "Scoop" O'Brien had warrants for liquor seizures made out for the purpose of raiding those halls. The warrants were given to Sheriff Doolan and John Byrne, the result was that raids were made, free fights between the police and the dancers occurred, and the holiday time was turned into a season of indignation and sorrow.

The first raid was made at Lyceum hall and Sheriff Doolan was accompanied by Special Policeman Keenan. At this hall the Ruckocz Magyar Sick Benefit society was holding a New Year's dance. Frank Nemethy, the barkeeper, was arrested.

The next raid was at Sadler's hall on Willard street. The Kosciuszko Guard, a Polish military organization, was holding sway at this hall. The members of the guard were attired in military costumes. When the sheriff and Keenan attempted to raid the place a turmoil ensued. The raiding posse was then augmented by Policemen Edgar Fisher, Garry Sanger, Pete Hackett and John Byrne. Policeman Hackett was trying to force an entrance when Sophia Sink, a lady in yellow, hit him over the head with a beer bottle, lacerating the policeman's scalp. The patrol wagon with eight men and Captain Hackett was then called to the scene. In the barroom the soldiers attacked the policemen with sabres. In ten minutes the police entered the barroom, leaving scores of broken heads and bloody noses behind them. Fourteen kegs of beer were seized and 40 dancers arrested.

"Scoop" and the doughty sheriff encountered some fun at Germania hall, where Olga Lodge, O. D. H. S., were having a Christmas tree party. Mrs. Anton Delger, president of the society, took Sheriff Doolan for an intruder and refused to admit him. When he finally entered he was roughly handled. Police and Doolan went to the sheriff's assistance. Two kegs of beer were seized and John Hummel, Julius Schoenfeld, William Stokes, Edward Heine, Julius Wolf, Anton Delger and Arthur Kibwe were charged. All of the latest vocal and instrumental hits are included in their repertoire, all of the latest dances will be included in the dance program, there will be a big crowd of old friends and many new ones, and a good time for everybody. This offers an evening of dancing to end the holiday and a pleasant place to finish the New Year celebration. Admission is at popular prices, and you are cordially invited to be present.—Adv.

GRAND BALL TONIGHT.

The pleasant spot in Bridgeport for New Year's night, Saturday night, will undoubtedly be the Colonial ball room, 271 Fairfield avenue, where there will be a grand ball with the Singing McEnelly orchestra to furnish the music. To those who have danced to McEnelly music this is enough, but for those who have not heard the excellent band of musicians it is proper to say that it is one of the best orchestras which has ever visited Bridgeport, and it not only plays but sings some portion at least of every dance number. There is a swing to the waltz and march songs as played and sung by the McEnellys which make you dance in spite of yourself, and the music alone is worth the small price of admission charged. All of the latest vocal and instrumental hits are included in their repertoire, all of the latest dances will be included in the dance program, there will be a big crowd of old friends and many new ones, and a good time for everybody. This offers an evening of dancing to end the holiday and a pleasant place to finish the New Year celebration. Admission is at popular prices, and you are cordially invited to be present.—Adv.

BRENNER IS KNOWN HERE.

John F. Brenner, one of the attaches of the Ingleside race track of San Francisco, who was on the heels of Christmas night by masked men, was a former resident of this city. In the melee that followed, he tried to escape with the bag of money which was in the possession of Cashier Clark, and was shot by one of the holdup men.

Brenner is well known in this city where he made his home during the winter seasons for many years. He, for a time, managed Gleason's pool room at 34 Fairfield avenue. Local sports were discussing the matter about town last night.

KISSELL-WALSH.

At 11 this morning, in St. Mary's church, Father Carroll officiating, Eugene Kissell and Miss Kittie Walsh were made man and wife. A wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents at Brooks and Stillman streets.

HOFFMAN-COOK.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon in St. Augustine's church, Father Cronin united in matrimony Mr. Jacob Hoffman and Miss Mamie Cook. The best man was Hugh Cook and Miss Jennie Geoghan was bridesmaid. A wedding reception was served at the home of

the bride's parents, 37 Jones avenue. They left on an evening train for the south.

BITTEN BY A DOG.

Edward Hamilton, a young lad, while walking along Harrah avenue this morning, was bitten by a vicious hound. Eddie was treated at the emergency hospital.

PASSING OF "HUBBELL'S BLOCK."

The large building at Golden Hill and Main streets, known as "Hubbell's block," is on the verge of being transformed into a building that will be a pride to the city. The building is owned by W. W. Walker & Son, who occupy a store in the building.

For years this building has been one of the most notorious in this section. It was built about 1885 by the late Elisha Hubbell. The top floor was used as a hall and the other stories as apartments. It was in that building that "Doc" Sanford, Sam Merritt and "Old Sport" Campana first made their debut in long distance walking matches.

CIGARS FOR THE POLICE.

The police were remembered today with cigars from Prosecuting Attorney Giddings and Commissioner Baldwin.

BUILDING PERMITS TOTAL \$327,050; ARMS FIGURES BIG

Factory Equipment and Dwelling Houses Planned By - Munitions Plant.

One of the largest totals of building permits for a single meeting of the board of building commissioners was announced last night, when permits for \$327,050 worth of construction were issued. The greatest part of this amount is represented by proposed buildings of the Remington Arms Co.

Steel water tank on north side of Boston avenue for Remington Co. Steel water tank on north side of Boston avenue for Remington Co. Ten (10) two-story, two family brick houses on east side of Willow street for Remington Co.

Two two-family brick houses on west side of East street for Remington Co. Eight two-family houses on Willow street near Barnum avenue for Remington Co.

Seven two-family brick houses on east side of East street for Remington Co.

Four two-family frame dwellings on Willow street for Remington Co.

Two gate houses on north side of Boston avenue for Remington Co.

Seven transformer houses on north side of Boston avenue for Remington Co.

Brick store front on north side of 73 Herbert street for Josephine Mondro.

Change store front at 1065 Main street for J. D. Budan estate.

Two family frame house on south side of Gilman street for Marguerite H. Sturges.

Frame meeting house on west side of Wilcox avenue for George August.

Two two-family frame dwellings on north side of Garfield avenue for James Gossio.

Brick garage, private, on west side of Charlotte street for City Ice and Coal Co.

One story frame shed on south side of McKinley avenue for Max Tildman and Ida Wasserman.

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RUMANIA SELLS GRAIN SUPPLIES TO THE TEUTONS

Vienna, Jan. 1.—Rumania has sold to the Central Powers 50,000 carloads of cereals, mostly wheat, Indian corn and navy beans. The sale, unlike some others which preceded it, has been made at a reasonable market price, and no special inducements were offered, nor will it be necessary this time to engage in the wholesale bribing of Rumanian government and railroad officials to get the purchases out of the country.

Rumania was obliged to sell to the Central Powers because she cannot sell to anybody else. The closing of the Dardanelles has locked the gate to other markets, and Russia, the only other Entente power with whom Rumania now has physical contact, is not in the market for Rumania cereals. So long as Serbia was still a fact and a neighbor, Rumania was able to ship some of her foodstuffs to Saloniki, from where they could be re-shipped to other hands, and what is considered just as important here, must sell on terms more favorable to Germany and Austria-Hungary than she has in the past.

With the conquest of Serbia the Central Powers have gained a great economic advantage. Rumania must sell to them, if she does not want to have her ports under their hands, and what is considered just as important here, must sell on terms more favorable to Germany and Austria-Hungary than she has in the past.

In addition to selling to the two Empires, Rumania is also exporting much food to Bulgaria, and even to Turkey in Europe. Though there is a large supply of wheat, barley and other grains in Anatolia and Constantinople, the Central Powers are able to reach these easily, owing to limited railroad transport facilities, Rumanian flour being more accessible right now than Anatolian unmilled grain, the city administration of Constantinople has just concluded a contract for a large quantity of flour which Rumania is to supply, the first deliveries being equal to about 2,000 carloads. Much of this has already been rushed south via the new eastern Bulgarian through route.

In addition to having no market for Rumanian grain and other foodstuffs, Russia has enough mineral oil of her own, so Rumania will be obliged to sell the necessity to the Central power group of belligerents. Negotiations for a more advantageous sale price are said to be in progress.

Rumania's attitude in these matters, too, has a diplomatic background. Her government intends to remain neutral so long as possible, and it is declared she will join the Central Powers in case pressure from Entente quarters obliges her to take action. Well-informed circles here claim the situation in this regard is not so simple as it appears. The recent mining of the Rumanian Danube stretches seems to support this view. The mining of these waters would embarrass no other than Russian shipping.

Many in Bucharest press has begun to speak in plain terms of Serbia's fate and the difficulty of Greece's position. There is still a large Austro-Hungarian force on the Rumanian frontier, and papers like the "Bihar" and "Moldavia" are pointing out that a hostile move by Rumania towards Austria-Hungary or Bulgaria would make the country a "third Belgium."

BUILDING NOTES

F. G. Frank is preparing to build a brick store and apartment building in Stratford avenue near Frank street. Work will commence soon on a two-family house in Laurel avenue for George Schatz of 588 Arctic street.

Contracts have been let for a two-family house in Springfield street for Zaida P. Hammond.

Work has started on a two-family house in North avenue for W. J. Moran of 1884 North avenue.

A three-story store and apartment building of brick is to be erected in Stratford avenue for Helen V. Ryan.

David Epstein is preparing to build a four-family house in Stillman street.

F. A. Hastings of 2540 North avenue has given a contract for a two-family house in Merchant street.

A two-family house is in course of erection in Rocton avenue for Charles Gay.

The Bridgeport Brass Co. is preparing to add a \$30,000 one-story brick and steel addition to its plant in Housatonic avenue.

A two-family house is in course of erection in Bryant street for Susie Delay.

Another one-family dwelling is being erected in New Harlem avenue for Spargo & Winter.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rivers, Sr. of 641 Central avenue, have entertained their nephew, Rev. F. X. Lariviere of Marlboro, Mass., during the past week.

Dr. Hastings H. Hart of the Russell Sage Foundation, Department of Child Welfare, will speak Sunday at the People's church, Laurel and Park avenues. The lecture is under the auspices of the Men's club of the church.

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SERBIAN LIBRARY CONTAINS BOOKS ON ARMS WORKS

Belgrade, Jan. 1.—European politics did not greatly interest the Serbian kings before Peter, if the contents of the royal library can be regarded as throwing light on the studies of the kingdom's rulers. No books of importance on political subjects were acquired before Peter's accession, but a very respectable number were added to the library in the twelve years of his reign.

Another department of the library dating from his time is looked upon by the German and Austro-Hungarian conquerors of the city as significant. It is devoted to catalogues and works of general information concerning great arms factories of the world, including Futtolfo, Creusot, Armstrong and Krupp. Many excellent pictures are included in this department.

Most of the treasures and furnishings of the Konak (royal palace) were removed when the royal family left the city, but the library was left behind. A Vienna librarian, for the last fifteen years in charge of the Oriental languages department of the Vienna royal library, has been entrusted with the cataloguing of the Serbian royal library. He told the Associated Press representative some interesting details about the collection.

The oldest book in the library, which is neither of great extent nor great worth, dates from 1580, and is in German. Few old Serbian books were found. The books acquired before the reign of Alexander are chiefly of the sort found in any middle class family's library. They are chiefly in French. The books added during Alexander's reign are mainly fiction. No books of political importance were acquired by him.

An interesting collection dating from this period comprises vast numbers of amatory poems written by women and children in praise of Queen Draga, who appears to have been greatly beloved by the common people. In the same department are many musical compositions, chiefly military marches, dedicated to King Alexander. Many of these, according to the librarian, were rather triumphal compositions of words.

A visitors' register kept by the Serbian royal librarian shows that the great majority of visitors consisted of British students of the Balkan question. They appear to have made extensive use of the books available. All political books have been sent to Vienna, where they will be studied for any matters of importance to the conquerors.

MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS TREE CELEBRATION IS CLOSED FOR SEASON

The Municipal Christmas tree observance which was formally opened Christmas eve came to a close last evening with the appropriate exercises. One of the largest gatherings since the first celebration was present at the concluding exercises.

The Arions, Germania and the Schwabacher Maennerchor organizations united and rendered one of the best out-of-doors choral renditions ever heard in the city. The Wheeler & Wilson band furnished instrumental music. A corps of the United Boys' Brigade under Sergeant Major Worthy and the United Boy Scouts were present.

U. C. T. WILL HOLD XMAS TREE EXERCISES

The annual Christmas tree exercises of the Order of United Commercial Travelers, of which A. H. Robinson is the head, will be held Saturday, Jan. 8. The exercises will begin at 3:30 in the afternoon in the rooms on Broad street. A class initiation and business meeting will be held. They supper will be served at 8. Christmas tree exercises will commence at 8. Palmer S. Willard of Hartford, grand junior counselor, will be present.

DISTRIBUTE 12,000 AUTOMOBILE MARKERS FOR PLEASURE CARS

The automobile registry department announced in Hartford last night that 40,000 markers have been provided to motor vehicle drivers. Of these, 12,000 are for pleasure cars, 2,500 for commercial vehicles and the rest for motorcycle and side cars.

No lively registrations were issued, the legislature of 1915 having abolished that class of registration. Receipts of licenses are estimated at \$175,000.

It was formerly customary to donate pairs of slippers at Christmas to the minister, so he could be comfortable in his study. Now he needs a pair of rubber boots for all weathers so that no one can give the excuse that they haven't been called on.

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